

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

I, Paul J. Thompson, declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America and resident of New Hope, Minnesota; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention or discovery in "BRAIDED COMPOSITE PROSTHESIS", described and claimed in the annexed specification; that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application, that said invention or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I acknowledge that I have a duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) specifically referred to herein; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on said invention or discovery has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon;

And I hereby appoint HAUGEN AND NIKOLAI, P.A., a professional association, consisting of the following attorneys and the following attorneys individually: ORRIN M. HAUGEN, Registration No. 17,972, THOMAS J. NIKOLAI, Registration No. 19,283, CHARLES G. MERSEREAU, Registration No. 26,205; FREDERICK W. NIEBUHR, Registration No. 27,717, CATHERINE C. MARESH, Registration No. 35,268, PAUL T. DIETZ, Registration No. 38,858, and JONATHAN D. SPANGLER, Registration No. 40,182 of 820 International Centre, 900 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3325; Telephone No. (612) 339-7461, and I hereby also appoint PETER C. RICHARDSON, Reg. No. 27,526; ALLEN J. SPIEGEL, Reg. No. 25,749; AARON PASSMAN, Reg. No. 26,783; GEZINA HOLTRUST, Reg. No. 28,222; J. TREVOR LUMB, Reg. No. 28,567; LAWRENCE C. AKERS, Reg. No. 28,587; RAYMOND W. AUGUSTIN, Reg. No. 28,588; SEYMOUR G. BEKELNITZKY, Reg. No. 28,589; PAUL H. GINSBURG, Reg. No. 28,718; MARK DRYER, Reg. No. 28,775; ELIZABETH O. SLADE, Reg. No. 29,011; JOHN L. LAPIERRE, Reg. No. 29,185; JAMES T. JONES, Reg. No. 30,561; GREGG C. BENSON, Reg. No. 30,997; ROBERT F. SHEYKA, Reg. No. 31,304; HOWARD R. JAEGER, Reg. No. 31,376; GROVER F. FULLER, JR., Reg. No. 31,760; MERVIN E. BROKKE, Reg. No. 32,723; KAREN DEBENEDICTIS, Reg. No. 32,977; and VALERIE M. FEDOWICH, Reg. No. 33,688; PHILIP C. STRASSBURGER,

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And I hereby request that all correspondence in this application be directed to: Frederick W. Niebuhr, Esq. at HAUGEN AND NIKOLAI, P.A., 820 International Centre, 900 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3325.

Wherefore, I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration and power of attorney.

Signed the 25 day of April, 1996.

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Sir:

The undersigned, Schneider (USA) Inc, a Minnesota corporation and the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, hereby revokes all prior powers of attorney and appoints the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Luke R. Dohmen, Reg. No. 36,783; Peter J. Gafner, Reg. No. 36,517; Robert M. Rauker, Reg. No. 40,782; Todd P. Messal Reg. No. 42,883; David L. Cavanaugh, Reg. No. 36,476; Patricia LaMarche-Davis, Reg. No. 37,866; Mark J. Casey, Reg. No. 37,796; and William J. Shaw, Reg. No. 43,111.

Schneider (USA) Inc further appoints the law firm of LARKIN, HOFFMAN, DALY & LINDGREN, LTD. and Frederick W. Niebuhr, Registration No. 27,717; John F. Klos, Registration No. 37,162; and Andrew D. Ryan, Registration No. 39,351 as attorneys/agents with full power to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, including any continuations, divisionals, and international applications claiming the benefit of priority from this application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), Schneider (USA) Inc certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded on April 30, 1996 at Reel 7987, beginning at Frame 0423.

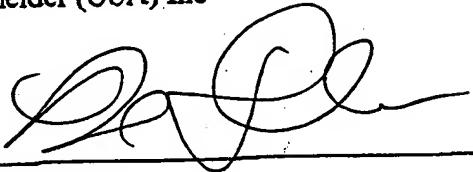
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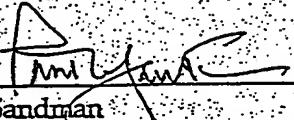
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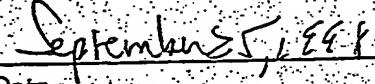
I, Paul W. Sandman, as Senior Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel of Boston Scientific Corporation, the controlling corporation of:

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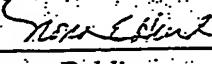
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On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1993 before me personally appeared Paul W. Sandman to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes set forth herein.

  
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My Commission Expires Oct. 4, 2002

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